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I object to the proposed development of the land known as the 'Bread and cheese' field , westbere on the following basis -

- 1. OBJECTION The Westbere settlement has been incorrectly defined, excluding 19 homes. This represents 15% of the village. 18 of these houses are in Bushy Hill Road. All these homes should be included within the Westbere settlement.
- 2. OBJECTION The inclusion of Policy R5 (The bread and cheese Field) as a housing development in the local plan will cause the coalescence of Westbere and Hersden. This is an infringement of the planning policy and should not proceed. The Bread and Cheese Field should be retained as farmland and form the green gap between Westbere and Hersden.
- 3. SUPPORT The green gap between Sturry and Westbere (the two fields) is well placed and should not be compromised.
- 4. SUPPORT The green gap between Sturry and Hersden.
- 5. OBJECTION The over-development of the A28 corridor through Sturry and toward Thanet. Additional housing in this area cannot be supported by the existing local services and infrastructure. The traffic volumes and consequential congestion is already contributing to the health concerns of local residents. The recent pedestrian fatality in Sturry has shocked the community, this event demands action by the Council to make this road safer. This needs to be addressed ahead of the existing housing developments completing and a further influx of new residents and their vehicles.
- 6. SUPPORT The work to enhance Sturry railway station to improve traffic flow through the level crossing. This project needs to be prioritised and funded to ensure it happens in the short term.
- 7. SUPPORT Investment in the Westbere Marshes as part of the Open Spaces Strategy.

Regards

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